67-08-School-Age Child Care Program

Fund/Agency: 001/67	Department of	Family Services		
Personnel Services	\$19,519,548			
Operating Expenses	\$2,970,909			
Recovered Costs	\$0	CAPS Percentage of Agency Total		
Capital Equipment	\$21,000			
Total CAPS Cost:	\$22,511,457	13.8%		
Federal Revenue	\$0			
State Revenue	\$0			
User Fee Revenue	\$16,986,919			
Other Revenue	\$83,487			
Total Revenue:	\$17,070,406	86.2%		
Net CAPS Cost:	\$5,441,051			
		School-Age Child Care Program All Other Agency CAPS		
Positions/SYE involved in the delivery of this CAPS	563/514.49			

▶ CAPS Summary

The School-Age Child Care (SACC) program supports working parents by offering before- and after-school, holiday, and summer programs to provide educational child care for children enrolled in Fairfax County schools. SACC maintains quality care by providing an enriching, educational program that furthers the social and intellectual development of children; by staffing to ensure safe ratios of children to adults; by offering education resources and training to center staff; and by conducting regular site visits to evaluate centers. The program encourages participation of low-income families with a sliding-fee scale. SACC also provides care for special needs children, both in self-contained and mainstreamed centers, with 96 percent of the parents reporting they are highly satisfied with the care.

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In FY 2001, in response to parents' requests, SACC began a pilot program called "Club 78," which serves children of middle-school age. Club 78 now operates in one middle school. Feedback from the SACC Parent Advisory Group and from parents in the community shows there is strong interest in expanding this program to middle schools in other regions. Expansion of elementary school SACC sites is also necessary in order to address the growing waiting list for SACC services. In addition, as enrollment of special needs children in SACC increases, SACC will need to provide more staff for supervision and training.

▶ Method of Service Provision

SACC operates in 125 County elementary schools. SACC also operates Club 78 in one middle school. Children with disabilities may attend through age 22. Services are available for children whose parents are working, attending school, or disabled. Although physically located in Fairfax County Public Schools, SACC teachers and administrators are employees of the Office for Children.

Performance/Workload Related Data

Title	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Actual	FY 2001 Estimate*	FY 2002 Estimate
Capacity Enrollment	7,196	7,307	7,880	8,261	**8,371
Special Needs Children Served	383	456	497	512	**535
Regional Supervisor Site Visits/School Year	2,880	3,172	2,952	2,976	**3,750
Children on Waiting List	985	990	993	1,127	**1,194
Number of SACC Sites	120	122	123	124	125

^{*} Data shown is FY 2001 actual.

^{**} FY 2002 estimates are based on FY 2001 actuals.

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▶ User Fee Information

Subobject Code	Fee Title		FY 2002 ABP Fee Total
0691 Fe	Fees-SACC		\$16,986,919
Current Fee		Maximum Allowable Fee Amount	
Depends upon services used (before-school, after-school, holiday, summer, etc.) and number of children enrolled. Before- and after-school care for one child ranges from \$11.00 to \$339.00 per month.		N/A Based on Program Cos	st

Purpose of Fee:

Parents with the ability to pay full fee cover the full, direct cost of the SACC services their children receive. Lower-income parents pay on a sliding fee scale. The County contribution is the subsidy for low-income families and the costs associated with providing SACC child care services for special needs children (e.g., equipment, lower staff:child ratios). SACC services are provided in Fairfax City elementary schools under contract with the City, with revenues offsetting expenditures.

Levy		Year Fee Was
Authority	Requirements to Change the Fee	Last Adjusted
Board of	Approval of Agency Director	Annually
Supervisors		

Other Remarks:

SACC fees are established based on program costs. Fees are reviewed annually and adjusted as necessary to cover programmatic costs.